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SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL LETTER TO URUGUAYAN PRESIDENT

- ALVAREZ URGING RELEASE OF WILSON AND JUAN RAUL
 - FERREIRA

1. AMBASSADOR, JULY 10, RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER,
 SIGNED BY EIGHTY U.S. CONGRESSMEN, UNDER COVER OF
 REQUEST FROM SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MICHAEL BARNES
 THAT IT BE TRANSMITTED TO URUGUAYAN PRESIDENT ALVAREZ:

2. QUOTE:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE
 OF REPRESENTATIVES, WISH TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP CONCERN
 OVER YOUR GOVERNMENT'S DETENTION OF MR. WILSON
 FERREIRA ALDUNATE AND HIS SON, JUAN RAUL FERREIRA. IT
 IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO BELIEVE THAT URUGUAY IS ON A
 PATH TO DEMOCRACY SO LONG AS ONE OF YOUR LEADING
 POLITICAL FIGURES REMAINS IN PRISON. IN THESE
 CIRCUMSTANCES, WE CANNOT SUPPORT IMPROVEMENTS IN
 RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. WE STRONGLY
 URGE THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF
 WILSON FERREIRA ALDUNATE AND JUAN RAUL FERREIRA.

SINCERELY,

MICHAEL D. BARNES
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END QUOTE.

3. EMBASSY, JULY 10, DELIVERED LETTER TO FOREIGN
MINISTRY FOR TRANSMITTAL TO PRESIDENT ALVAREZ. ARANDA
END OF MESSAGE

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